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I, Paul Smith, would bring fresh ideas and 45 years of education, work, and volunteer experience to the State Senate. BA/MBA degrees give me the formal training to understand complex financial and organizational issues while my life experiences add important lessons. As a Peace Corps volunteer in Chile; I learned that small changes can make all the difference for people. As an international development banker at the World Bank; I saw how politician meddling can spoil sound projects that were otherwise financially viable. As a Hawaii manufacturer; I met payrolls for 48 employees over 20 years and learned that staff can accomplish miracles when skill and equipment are combined in a safe and honest environment. As an investor; I learned the power of regular savings, compound interest, home ownership, and that every individual can best decide how to spend their own money. As a taxpayer; I bring healthy skepticism and concern for efficiency to the spending of public money. As a human being; I have traveled the world and know how fortunate we are in Hawaii and what responsibility that demands. As a realist; I know that unless each voter can see progress and measure the results; Hawaii's voters will continue to be disinterested and not vote. History demonstrates that education and property rights combined with a free and just society offer the best hope for individual success. If elected as a State Senator; I believe that supporting and defending this free and just society would be my best accomplishment.